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Anita Givens serves as the Associate Commissioner for Standards and Programs at the Texas Education Agency. Anita oversees a number of policy development areas including curriculum, professional development, federal and state education policy, instructional materials and educational technology. Anita also provides leadership for Project Share, a major initiative that provides educators and students access to a statewide portal through which teachers and students can communicate, collaborate, and access 21<sup>st</sup> century digital content. Previously, she served as the Deputy Associate Commissioner for Standards and Alignment and was responsible for curriculum and the review, adoption and distribution of electronic instructional materials as well as traditional textbooks for Texas schools. Anita has also led the educational technology efforts in Texas for over twenty years. She provides leadership for the integration, utilization, evaluation and expansion of educational technologies through the on-going implementation of the State Board of Education's Long-Range Plan for Technology 2006-2020. Anita has received several state and national awards including the Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) 2011 Friend of Education award for her leadership role in the efforts to make digital resources available to Texas teachers and students. She is also included in the Center for Digital Education 2011 Education Innovators Yearbook. Anita has taught Kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and educational technology classes from elementary through graduate school. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education from Houston Baptist University and a Master of Science Degree in Educational Management from the University of Houston – Clear Lake.